

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1                   1.       (currently amended) An electronic gaming apparatus comprising:  
2                   an electronic gaming device having a plurality of games accessible to a  
3 user;  
4                   a user-actuable input means in communication with said electronic  
5 gaming device to communicate an input signal from said user; and  
6                   a game controller in communication with said user-actuable input  
7 means, said game controller substantially simultaneously initiating play and substantially  
8 simultaneously continuing play of multiple ones of said plurality of games in response to  
9 user activation thereof; and  
10                   a pay table calculator in communication with said game controller to  
11 calculate a composite pay table based on joint possible results of said multiple ones of  
12 said plurality of games initiated by said user activation.

1                   2.       (canceled)

1                   3.       (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,  
2 wherein said composite pay table defines a new game.

1                   4.       (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,  
2 wherein said composite pay table defines a bonus table.

1                   5.       (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,  
2 and further comprising a network interface in communication with said game controller,  
3 enabling communication with said game controller from a remote location.

1                   6.       (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said  
2 remote location is a separate electronic gaming device.

1                   7.       (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein a  
2 plurality of separate electronic gaming devices communicate with said game controller.

1                   8.       (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said  
2 composite pay table is communicated to each of said plurality of separate electronic  
3 gaming devices.

1                   9.       (previously presented) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein said user-actuatable input means is a touch-screen video monitor.

1                   10.     (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game  
2 comprising the steps of:

3                         selecting a first game from a menu comprising a plurality of games  
4 presented by an electronic gambling device;

5                         supplementing said selection of said first game by a further selection of an  
6 additional game from said menu of said plurality of games;

7                         generating a composite pay table based on a first pay table for the first  
8 game and a second pay table based on the additional game; and

9                         substantially simultaneously initiating play and concurrently playing said  
10 first and said additional games.

1                   11.     (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game  
2 according to Claim 10, ~~and further comprising:~~

3                         ~~providing an alternative pay table based upon the games selected; and~~

4                         ~~presenting said alternative pay table to a user of said electronic game in~~

5 ~~the form of additional betting and winning opportunities~~wherein the third pay table

6 comprises at least one of a new game and a bonus game.

1                   12.     (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game  
2 according to Claim 11, and further comprising;

3                         establishing communications between a plurality of electronic gambling  
4 devices; and

5 | communicating said ~~alternative~~third pay table to said plurality of  
6 | electronic gambling devices.

1 | 13. (currently amended) A method for providing a plurality of  
2 | electronic games on an electronic gaming device, the method comprising:  
3 | providing a menu including the plurality of electronic games, each  
4 | electronic game in the plurality of electronic games being independent of one another;  
5 | receiving a selection for two or more of the plurality of electronic games;  
6 | determining a composite pay table for the selected two or more games  
7 | based on the two or more games selected and a wager received for each of the selected  
8 | two or more games, wherein the composite pay table is based on joint outcomes of the  
9 | two or more games selected;  
10 | substantially simultaneously initiating play of the selected two or more  
11 | electronic games; and  
12 | playing the selected two or more electronic games substantially  
13 | simultaneously.

1 | 14. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 13, further  
2 | comprising receiving a wager for each of the selected two or more games.

1 | 15. (canceled)

1 | 16. (canceled)

1 | 17. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 12,  
2 | wherein the pay table calculator calculates the composite pay table using odds of the  
3 | multiple ones of said plurality of electronic games and wagers received for the multiple  
4 | ones of said plurality of electronic games.

1 | 18. (previously presented) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1,  
2 | wherein at least one of the plurality of games is a progressive game.

1                   19.     (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 10, wherein  
2     at least on of the first game and additional game comprise a progressive game.

1                   20.     (currently amended) A gaming device comprising:  
2                   a display of a plurality of games;  
3                   a game selection input configured to receive a selection of a first and  
4     second game from the plurality of games;  
5                   a pay table generator configured to generate a third pay table based on a  
6     first pay table for the first game and a second pay table for the second game; and  
7                   a game controller configured to substantially simultaneous start game play  
8     of the selected first and second game in response to a single user input, ~~wherein the game~~  
9     ~~play of the first and the second game is controlled by the game controller and is self-~~  
10    ~~contained in the gaming device.~~

1                   21.     (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein  
2     the game controller is configured to generate a result for the first and second game,  
3     wherein the display is configured to display the result.

1                   22.     (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 21, wherein  
2     the result comprises a first result for the first game and a second result for the second  
3     game, wherein the first and the second result are determined substantially simultaneously.

1                   23.     (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, further  
2     comprising a wager input configured to receive a wager amount for the first and second  
3     game.

1                   24.     (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 23, wherein the  
2     result ~~comprises~~ corresponds to an award based on the wager amount.

1                   25.     (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein  
2     the first and second games are independent games.

1                   26.     (canceled)

1                   27.     (currently amended) The gaming device of claim 2026, wherein a  
2 result for the first and second game is awarded from the generated third pay table.

1                   28.     (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein  
2 the display is configured to display the game play of the first and the second game  
3 substantially simultaneously.

1                   29.     (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein at  
2 least one of the first and the second games comprises a progressive game.

1                   30.     (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 20, further  
2 comprising a selection input configured to receive any selections by a player that are  
3 required for the first and second game, wherein the selections are received before game  
4 play of the first and second games is initiated.

1                   31.     (Currently amended) A method for providing game play using a  
2 gaming device, the method comprising:  
3                   displaying a menu of a plurality of games on the gaming device;  
4                   receiving a selection for a first game and a second game in the plurality of  
5 games;  
6                   receiving a wager for the first game before initiation of play for the first  
7 and the second game;  
8                   receiving a wager for the second game before initiation of play for the first  
9 and the second game;  
10                  determining a third pay table based on a first pay table for the first game  
11                  and a second pay table for the second game;  
12                  receiving a single user input to initiate game play;  
13                  substantially simultaneously initiating play and continuing game play for  
14 the first and the second games; and  
15                  displaying a result for the first and the second games.

1                   32.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first  
2     and second games are initiated and played in an independent gaming device.

1                   33.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further  
2     comprising determining a result for the first and second games, wherein the result for the  
3     first and the second game are controlled and determined by an independent gaming  
4     device.

1                   34.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first  
2     and second games are independent games.

1                   35.     (canceled)

1                   36.     (canceled)

1                   37.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further  
2     comprising displaying the game play of the first and the second game substantially  
3     simultaneously.

1                   38.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein at least  
2     one of the first and the second games comprises a progressive game.

1                   39.     (currently amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising:  
2     determining a first ~~award~~result based on the game play of the first game;  
3     and  
4     determining a second ~~award~~result based on the game play of the second  
5     game,  
6     wherein determining the first and the second ~~award~~results ~~are~~is done  
7     substantially simultaneously.

1                   40.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further  
2     comprising receiving any selections by a player that are required for the first and second

3 game, wherein the selections are received before game play of the first and second games  
4 is initiated.

1 41. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
2 the play of the multiple ones of said plurality of games is self-contained in the gaming  
3 apparatus.

1 42. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, further  
2 comprising a display configured to display the substantially simultaneous play of the  
3 multiple ones of said plurality of games.

1 43. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
2 the multiple ones of said plurality of games are independent games.

1 44. (Previously presented) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
2 the game controller is configured to generate a result for the multiple ones of said  
3 plurality of games substantially simultaneously.

1 45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein playing  
2 the first and said additional games is self-contained in the electronic gambling device.

1 46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further  
2 comprising displaying the concurrent play of the first game and said additional games.

1 47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the first  
2 and said additional games are independent games.

1 48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further  
2 comprising substantially simultaneously generating a result for the first game and said  
3 additional games.

1 49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the play  
2 of the two or more electronic games is self-contained in the electronic gaming device.

1                   50.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further  
2     comprising displaying the concurrent play of the two or more electronic games.

1                   51.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the two  
2     or more electronic games are independent games.

1                   52.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further  
2     comprising substantially simultaneously generating a result for the two or more electronic  
3     games.

1                   53.     (new) The method of claim 52, further comprising awarding an  
2     award from the third pay table if the result is a winning result.

1                   54.     (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the game  
2     controller is configured to generate a result for each of the multiple ones of said plurality  
3     of games.

1                   55.     (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 54, wherein the game  
2     controller is configured to award an award for a game in the multiple ones of said  
3     plurality of games if the result for the game is a winning result.

1                   56.     (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 54, wherein the game  
2     controller is configured to award an award from the composite pay table based on joint  
3     results for the multiple ones of said plurality of games.

1                   57.     (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 3, wherein a wager is  
2     received in order to participate in the new game.

1                   58.     (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 7, wherein the controller is  
2     configured to determine an award from the composite pay table.

1                   59.     (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 58, wherein the award is  
2     based on joint possible outcomes of said multiple ones of said plurality of games from at  
3     least two electronic gambling devices in the plurality of separate gaming devices.



1                   60.   (new) The method of claim 10, further comprising determining a  
2 first result for the first game and an additional result for the additional game.

1                   61.   (new) The method of claim 60, further comprising:  
2                   awarding an award from the first pay table if the first result is a winning  
3 result for the first pay table; and  
4                   awarding an award from the second pay table if the second result is a  
5 winning result for the second pay table.

1                   62.   (new) The method of claim 60, further comprising awarding an  
2 award for the third pay table if a combination of the first result and second result is a  
3 winning result in the third pay table.

1                   63.   (new) The method of claim 11, wherein if the third pay table  
2 comprises a new game, the method further comprising receiving a wager to participate in  
3 the new game.

1                   64.   (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 12, wherein the controller is  
2 configured to determine an award from the composite pay table.

1                   65.   (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 64, wherein the award is  
2 based on joint possible outcomes of said multiple ones of said plurality of games from at  
3 least two electronic gambling devices in the plurality of separate gambling devices.

1                   66.   (new) The method of claim 13, further comprising determining a  
2 result for each of the two or more games.

1                   67.   (new) The method of claim 66, further comprising:  
2                   awarding an award for a game in the two or more games if the result for  
3 the game is a winning result.

1                   68.   (new) The method of claim 66, further comprising awarding an  
2 award for the composite pay table if a combination of the result for each of the two or  
3 more games is a winning result in the composite pay table.

1                   69.     (new) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein the game  
2 controller is configured to determine a first result for the first game and a second result  
3 for the second game.

1                   70.     (new) The gaming device of claim 69, wherein the game  
2 controller is configured to:  
3                   award an award from the first pay table if the first result is a winning  
4 result for the first pay table; and  
5                   award an award from the second pay table if the second result is a winning  
6 result for the second pay table.

1                   71.     (new) The gaming device of claim 69, wherein the game  
2 controller is configured to award an award for the third pay table if a combination of the  
3 first result and second result is a winning result in the third pay table.

1                   72.     (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the result comprises a first  
2 result for the first game and a second result for the second game.

1                   73.     (new) The method of claim 72, further comprising:  
2                   awarding an award from the first pay table if the first result is a winning  
3 result for the first pay table; and  
4                   awarding an award from the second pay table if the second result is a  
5 winning result for the second pay table.

1                   74.     (new) The method of claim 72, further comprising awarding an  
2 award for the third pay table if a combination of the first result and second result is a  
3 winning result in the third pay table.